FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and the oil companies have begun an exercise of identifying the outlets which can install pollution check facilities. Presently, 43 outlets have the facilities, 59 dealers have received the pollution check equipment and are awaiting licence and 36 have applied for licence. The Government of Delhi has also hiked the pollution check fees per test to Rs. 25 for petrol vehicles and to Rs 50/- for diesel vehicles. Other measures such as computerised printing of test results of pollution check, and amendment of the Delhi Motor Vehicles Rules for prosecution for malpractices in checking, have been recommended to become part of the pollution check procedure.

Delegation of Powers to state Governments under the forest (conservation) Act

2370. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government will consider the request of the Maharashtra Government to delegate the powers to the State Government to give approval for diversion of forest land upto five hectares for non-forestry purpose, under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS: (CAPTAIN JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, this consideration will be in accordance with the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and subject to general policy decisions.

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(The Deputy Chairman *in the Chair*)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Madam...(interruptions).

The Leader of the Opposition (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): Madam, ...(*interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Chaturanan Mishra.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. **Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Tamil Nadu Agro Industries Corporation Limited, Madras and related papers.**

II. **Notification of the Ministry of Agriculture and related papers.**

III. **Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the National Cooperative Union of India, New Delhi and related papers.**

IV. **Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the National Horticulture Board, Gurgaon and related papers.**

V. **Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the National Council for co-operative Training, New Delhi and related papers.**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of Section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Tamil Nadu Agro Industries Corporation Limited, Madras, for the year 1994-95, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-854/96]

II. A Copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture and Cooperation), Notification G.S.R. No. 148(E), dated the 25th March, 1996, publishing the Multi-State Cooperative Societies

(Privileges, Properties and Funds, Accounts, Audit, Winding up and Execution of Decrees, Orders and Decisions) (Amendment) Rules, 1996, under sub-section (3) of Section 109 of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 1984, together with a Corrigendum and Statement giving reasons for delay in laying the Notification. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1082/96]

III. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(a) Annual Report of the National Cooperative Union of India, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Cooperative.

(c) Annual Accounts of the National Cooperative Union of India, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96 and the Audit Report thereon. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-852/ 96]

IV. (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Horticulture Board, Gurgaon, for the year 1994-95, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Board.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-851/96]

V. (a) Thirty-fourth Annual Report of the National Council for Cooperative Training, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.

(c) Annual Accounts of the National Council for Cooperative Training, New Delhi, for the year 1995-96 and the Audit Report thereon. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-853/96]

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam, there are reports that the Government is going to sign an agreement ...*(interruptions)*.

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: Madam, there are...*(interruptions)*.

उपसभापति: पेपर ले कर लें, उसके बाद कहिएगा आप लोग...(व्यवधान)...

Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Forest and Plantation Development Corporation Limited, Port Blair and related papers

The Minister of State of the Ministry of Environment and Forest (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): Madam, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Ninteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Forest and Plantation Development Corporation Limited, Port Blair, for the year 1995-96, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation. [Place in Library, *See* No. LT-1104/96]

I. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of various Fertilizers, Chemicals, Insecticides and Pharmaceuticals establishments and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the Krishak Bharati Cooperative Limited, New Delhi and related papers.

III. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the Institute of Pesticide Formulation Technology, Gurgaon, Haryana and related papers.

IV. Mous (for the year 1996-97) between the Govt. of India and Paradeep Phaosphates Ltd. and National Fertilizers Limited.

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री शीश राम ओला): महोदया मैं निम्नलिखित पत्र सभा पटल पर रखता हूं:—

I. कम्पनी अधिनियम, 1956 की धारा 619क की उपधारा (1) के अधीन निम्नलिखित पत्रों की एक-एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में):—